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Professional Foresters Examining Committee

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Held: March 9, 2017

Resources Building, 1416 9th Street
15th Floor Large Conference Room, No. 1506-12
Sacramento, California

Members Present:

Otto van Emmerik – Chairman
Kim Rodrigues – Vice Chairman
Jerry Jensen
Tom Osipowich
Larry Forero

Staff Participating:

Matt Dias, Executive Officer
Shuhani Patel, Assistant to the Executive Officer

1. Approval of Open Session Minutes of August 18, 2016 Minutes.

Minutes were reviewed and a few minor errors identified. Member Rodrigues identified that an additional bullet point should be added under “RPF License Applicability to Sustain Yield Analysis” that indicates that the PFEC requested that CAL FIRE provided an update on growth and yield and long-termed sustained yield issue to inform a workshop on the on the matter.

03-09-01 Forero moved the approval of the August 18, 2016 Open Session Minutes with minor corrections offered by Member Rodrigues. Member Jensen seconded.

Roll Call: Osipowich (Aye); Jensen (Aye); Rodrigues (Aye); van Emmerik (Aye); Forero (Aye). Motion carries unanimously.

2. Reports from the Chairman and Executive Officer.

E.O. Dias updated PFEC on the status on the E.O. Licensing (Assistant Executive Officer) position. The process is still in review by the Full Board and a final appointment will most likely will be announced in the April Board meeting.

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

E.O. Dias stated that several RPF and CRM licenses were revoked at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting and mentioned that these individuals still have a year to contact the licensing office and reinstate their license through payment of the biannual renewal fee and accrued late payment fees.

On the issue of RPF/LTO responsibility, ACF and CLFA have cooperatively proposed some regulatory and policy revisions for the Board to consider. The Department is likely unwilling to adopt a new policy on the matter of RPF/LTO violations, although the sense is that the Board will be moving forward with rulemaking on this matter.

E.O. Dias stated that Board is currently working on developing a process to comply with the recently published decision as it applies to PRA requests by the California Supreme Court in regards to *Smith vs. City of San Jose*.

3. Revisions to 14 CCR §1122.

EO Dias stated that a review of the DRAFT Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) and proposed regulatory text was conducted by Board staff and that the ISOR supports the proposed rulemaking. EO Dias recommended that PFEC consider forwarding the rulemaking to the Full Board.

03-09-02 Rodrigues moved to forward ISOR and proposed regulatory text in regards to 14 CCR §1122 to the Full Board for consideration of authorization of a 45-Day Notice. Member Jensen seconded.

Roll Call: Osipowich (Aye); Jensen (Aye); Rodrigues (Aye); van Emmerik (Aye); Forero (Aye). Motion carries unanimously.

4. Discussion of the Current Condition of the Professional Foresters Fund.

E.O. Dias stated that a full evaluation of the O300 Professional Foresters Fund will be conducted by the newly appointed Licensing Officer.

5. Discussion of Committee Membership.

There are three (3) members that are currently expired; Member Osipowich, Member Emmerik, and Member Jansen.

Osipowich declined to continue with another term and expressed that he has spent over 15+ years with the PFEC. He will continue to work with PFEC until the seat is filled to replace him. Also, he may have an individual in mind that could fill the seat and will make contact to get more information.

Members van Emmerik and Jensen have both expressed that they would like to continue to hold their seats with the PFEC an additional term.

E.O. Dias will seek a full re-appointment of Chair van Emmerik and Member Jensen, and a temporary re-appointment for Member Osipowich.

6. Public Forum

Attorney Takahashi has submitted an email inquiring on the status of the annual reports from California-Pacific Section and Society for Range Management. E.O. Dias stated that he contacted Susan Marshall, Chair of the CRM Panel just prior to receiving the public comment form Mr. Takahashi and the Board should be receiving the Annual Report soon.

Chris Maranto discussed with Kim Rodrigues about information that should be provided for the next licensing news in regards to the Sustained Yield Analysis. Maranto stated that he will work with the next licensing officer to draft an article to be published in the Licensing News in regards to PRC 752(b) applying to growth and yield and long-term sustained yield documents.

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